



The Pipers to New Zealand

"For we are labourers together with God..." 1 Cor. 3:9a



Dear Friends and Family,

September 2024

New Zealand has eased into SPRING while most of you enjoy fall colors. Our winter seemed to fly by with lots of rain but mild temperatures. We kept busy hosting/teaching the NZ Baptist Bible Training Program students a couple more weeks. We had a few fine days, so they were able to help us pass out flyers, as we try to cover New Plymouth again with the Gospel. Pray that people read the flyers and let the Holy Spirit work in their lives.

Lynette was able to visit our daughter and family and their new church, Fairlie Bible Baptist Church, on the South Island in July. It's exciting to see this new church grow. Our church in New Plymouth, as well as others around NZ, are helping this new ministry that is greatly needed on the South Island of NZ. We were able to visit the church in Whanganui where our son, Garrett, and his family are ministering, and Garth was able to preach for Pastor Nick Watt, the Kiwi pastor there. We would love to visit our youngest son, Grant, and his family in the States (we haven't seen their youngest son yet) but we don't know when that will happen.

The MTT Team were a blessing as they visited and ministered to us for a few days and helped with a much-appreciated Young Adult Retreat. The theme was, "Godly Navigation in an Ungodly World." We had 70 attend, which was pretty good since New Plymouth is at least two hours from the closest city and some travelled from as far as five hours away! We're so grateful for the unity and fellowship we're able to have with our sister churches.

One way to have more consistent fellowship with our closest sister churches (two and three hours away) is to have joint, monthly teen activities. We take turns hosting them, and it's fun to see the variety of activities. The last one we hosted consisted of several games where you had to run down, do a puzzle or solve a riddle and run back to tag the next person, etc. It involved a lot of running, and Garth was in his element as a former coach and youth pastor with a whistle! The kids were thoroughly worn out!! It was a great time of fellowship!

We also get the privilege of hosting family and friends from around the world in our home quite a bit. We had our dear friend Marsha Kerr (her daughter and family lived down the street from us in Rotorua and we went to the same church) visiting from Ohio and our missionary friends, the Judds, recently. A whole crew of pastors and families were here earlier.

Pray for the Comstocks as they are on their seven-month-long furlough in the States. They have a really busy schedule, as always happens when trying to race around visiting everyone! Pray for us and our church, Lighthouse Independent Baptist Church, as we carry on serving God. Antony Rodgers, whom some have met, is a big help, as well as several others who are faithful. Garth is preaching on the church and it's importance, so we hope to see more join and serve. Pray for Lynette as she has had to resume playing piano again (which is certainly not a comfortable thing for her to do!!). She resurrected some ancient knowledge of lessons from 50 years ago to have some music during the Comstocks last furlough. Then Rebekah Comstock took lessons and came alongside and overtook Lynette, who stopped playing after our grandson, Zeke, died, as the pressure was too great. Pray that God gives strength to both of us.

Garth is having some kidney stone problems again. He is scheduled to have a laser lithotripsy on a 12-mm kidney stone on Sept. 23, with a stent afterward.

Thanks for your faithful prayers and support!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Garth's kidney stones

Salvation of Justin, Chris, Khrisna, Peter, Annie, Gary, Rowan

Comstocks as they are in the States on furlough, traveling thousands of miles

Your co-workers for Christ,

Garth and Lynette Piper



Combined youth activity.



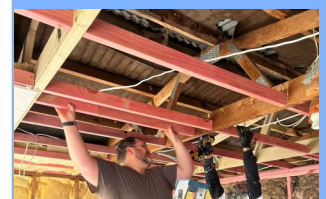
Young Adult Retreat 2024



NZ Baptist Bible Training students



Young Adult Retreat—Rice



Pastor Nick, Garrett, and I working on a project in Whanganui

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